

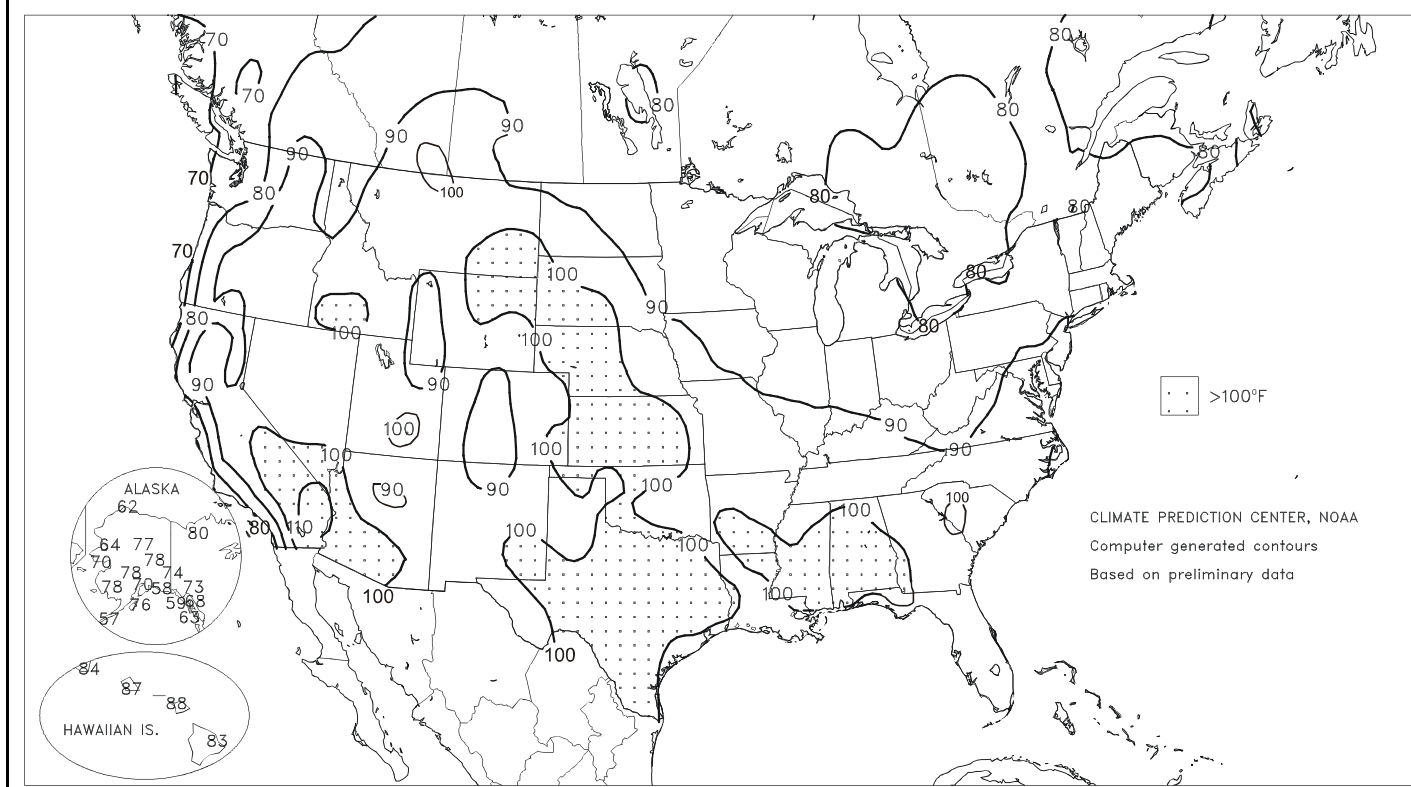
WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN

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Extreme Maximum Temperature (°F)

JUL 9 - 15, 2000



HIGHLIGHTS

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Significant rain dampened the **Corn Belt** for the tenth consecutive week, maintaining adequate to locally excessive soil moisture for silking corn and blooming soybeans. Farther east, cool, wet conditions affected **southern New England** and the **northern Mid-Atlantic region**, further slowing fieldwork and crop development. Meanwhile, scattered showers provided only limited relief to heat- and drought-stressed pastures and summer crops in the **Southeast**. Very hot, mostly dry weather prevailed from the **Plains** eastward to the **Delta**, depleting topsoil moisture and increasing stress levels on livestock, pastures, and dryland summer crops. Topsoils remained extremely

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